

Phone Co. To Start \$650,000 Dial Project



LIGHT THAT FIGHTS . . . When 200 mothers March on Polio tonight one porch light they are sure to find aglow is that of Nancy Jones 1612 Cota avenue. Mrs. Grover C. Vandevanter, president of the Torrance High School PTA, shown here, will be one of those joining in the fight against infantile paralysis. Young Nancy was stricken with polio three years ago. (Herald photo).

Mothers To March On Polio Tonight

Marching against polio tonight will be more than 200 Torrance women who will be looking for a light on your porch indicating that you wish to join the fight against the "crippler." If you wish to contribute to the campaign to stamp out infantile paralysis, switch on your porchlight. One of the 200 PTA mothers will call at your door.

Torrancites Can Push Out Their Chests In Pride

Torrance residents are perhaps more conscious of their health than any other community in the Harbor area.

Such was the fact indicated yesterday by the Los Angeles County X-Ray Foundation in a report of the recent chest x-ray campaign.

This community exceeded 12 other communities including the City of Long Beach and Lakewood in the number of residents who visited the x-ray units each day.

Torrance's health conscious citizens visited the three x-ray units when they visited here at the rate of 304 persons per unit per day.

A total of 4269 chest pictures were taken.

Units were stationed in Central Torrance, Seaside-Walteria, and in North Torrance.

The high rate of visitation was maintained in spite of the breakdown of one unit, the report said.

Among those who had their chest x-rayed were 972 Torrance school children.

Helping the campaign, the officials said, was the appeal made in the Pueblo area where Spanish speaking x-ray workers called to impress the Spanish-American residents of that area with the importance of the campaign.

Heading the effort is Mrs. A. C. Turner, president of the Torrance Council of PTAs. The city-wide Torrance March of Dimes campaign is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Clara A. Conner and Bud Mewborn, co-chairman.

Although the Dimes drive has been extended to February 15, this Mother's March on Polio probably will be the last concerted effort to be made locally.

Tonight's demonstration is a nation-wide undertaking.

Funds collected during the evening will be deposited with the Torrance Police Department.

El Nido, Needing A New Name, Now Named El Nido

El Nido's new elementary school will be called El Nido Elementary School.

The name, pronounced "L. Nee-do" in Spanish and meaning the nest, was decided upon by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Judge John A. Shidler, president of the trustees, hinting that he might be holding out for another name called for the vote.

"All those in favor of naming the Columbia Square Elementary School, El Nido Elementary School, say aye."

Columbia Square had been discussed as a possible name for the school since the new bungalow school will be located across the street from Columbia Broadcasting Company's KNX transmitter on Hawthorne boulevard.

Auto-Train Crash in Fog Injures Woman

Painfully injured when her car smashed into a fog-shrouded Santa Fe train at 203rd street and Crenshaw boulevard early yesterday morning, a Torrance woman was reported in fair condition at the Torrance Memorial Hospital last evening.

Injured in the auto-train smash which occurred at approximately 6 a.m. yesterday was Mrs. Oletta Powers, of 4315 West 178th place. Her 1942 Dodge sedan was completely demolished, according to Police Captain William Mitchell who investigated the accident.

Mrs. Powers, an employee in the National Supply Company's cafeteria, was presumably on her way to work when the accident occurred. Police said the crossing signals were operating and that trainmen had taken the added precaution of placing flares near the crossing.

No reason for the smash could be ascertained except that the heavy fog must have completely blocked the view of the train from the injured woman.

To Get Five Pianos

With a bid of \$2480 the Baldwin Piano Company was the recent successful bidder to supply five pianos for use by Torrance school children.

The instruments will be placed in use at Fern Avenue Elementary School, Greenwood School, (two), Walteria Elementary School, and one held in reserve to replace other pianos being returned or repaired.

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Five C D Areas Set Up in City

On of the first major steps in dividing the city of Torrance into workable civilian defense zones was announced this week by George Powell, assistant director of the civil defense program here.

The city has been divided into five districts, and Powell is presently lining up personnel to staff the program in each district.

North Torrance comprises one district, the industrial section along Border avenue on the north and east sides of the central business area another, the central business area, West Torrance, and South Torrance, which includes everything in the city south of Sepulveda boulevard.

"Most of the districts are divided into at least two sub-districts," Powell said. Persons living in Kettler Knolls, Walteria, and Seaside Ranchos are all in the south district, but Kettler residents are in the southeast. Walterians are in the south central, and Seaside and Hollywood Riviera residents are in the southwest subdistricts.

At least two persons will head up each district, Powell said. It will be their responsibility to supervise training and carry out the program established by the city's defense chiefs. In the meantime, City Manager George Stevens, who is also director of the city's civil defense set up, issued another plea for volunteers to register for some of the many vacancies which exist in the organization.

"We especially need teachers and instructors for home nursing, first aid, and other allied courses," Stevens said.

He emphasized the fact that should a major disaster strike this or an adjacent area, professional persons such as doctors and nurses would not be available for home care.

"There should be at least one person in every home who is versed in first aid and home nursing," Stevens said.

The defense officials reported that the intensified training programs had not yet started for the Fire and Police Department auxiliaries, but that plans were to begin such training in the near future.

Headquarters for the Civil Defense program in Torrance will soon be set up at 1754 Torrance boulevard, Stevens and Powell said. The officials reported that the city-owned building now in use as a recreation building on the Fern avenue playground will be moved to the city yards on Torrance boulevard and become the focal point for all CD activities.

Phone Company To Start New Dial Building

Telephone officials announced yesterday the start of the construction on February 19 of a new building which ultimately will house new dial switching equipment for Torrance subscribers.

Construction on the modern new telephone building has been scheduled to start in 11 days at the southwest corner of Cravens and Esparacia avenues, according to A. B. Smith, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The manager stated also that the new central office building is scheduled for completion late this year and that the company plans to start installation work on the huge new unit of dial switching equipment shortly thereafter contingent upon its availability and the effects of the government's control program of vitally needed materials.

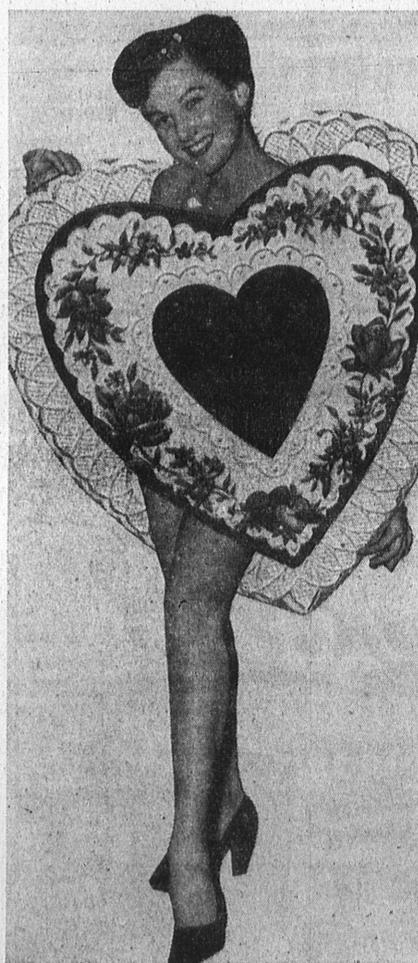
The overall project, including the property, building and equipment involves gross plant construction expenditures to the company of more than \$650,000, he said.

SECOND PHASE

Thus, the culmination of Pacific Telephone's long range planning to provide Torrance exchange subscribers ultimately with dial telephone service entered the second phase of the company's expansion program here. The first phase, purchase of the property measuring 140 by 137 feet, was completed in the summer of 1946.

Smith said the building will be two stories high and will be of steel frame and masonry fire resistant construction. The modern functional structure, measuring 103 by 82 feet, will front on Cravens avenue. Architecturally designed by the firm of Parkin, Powellson, Briney, Bernard and Woodford, the building will be built by Eschrich Bros. Inc.

The new building site is located about five-and-a-half blocks east of the company's non-dial (Continued on Page 4)



HEY FELLAS!

Jackie Waldron Wants to Know If You Remember What Day Next Wednesday Is?

Burglars Busy As Bees Here

Detectives were busy early this week investigating four burglaries which took place in Torrance last week-end.

Knocked over in the two-day crime wave were two schools, Fern Avenue Elementary School, The Nativity Catholic School, Torrance Van and Storage, and Ed Schwartz Men's Furnishing Store.

Five Torrance High School youths were questioned and later released to the custody of their parents when Eddie Hansen, a custodian at Fern Avenue Elementary School, discovered the quintet had broken into the school last Sunday. One of the youths had in his possession a radio taken from the basement, according to the reports of Detectives Captain Ernie Ashton and Sergeant Percy Bennett.

All the boys, ranging from 15 to 17 years of age, are due to (Continued on Page 4)

Ask Mayor To Appoint Committee

Washington asked Mayor Bob L. Haggard this week to appoint a price stabilization committee to help maintain a "sound national economy."

In a lengthy telegram to Torrance's mayor, the director of price stabilization of the Emergency Stabilization Agency, Michael V. Disalle, requested that the mayor appoint a committee and a chairman to assist regional and district offices of price stabilization in encouraging general public knowledge and observance of recently adopted regulations.

Mayor Haggard stated that he had taken the matter under consideration and would have to devote some time to the study of the request before he would be in a position to make any appointments.

The telegram, dated February 5, read: The Mayor, Torrance Calif.

The office of price stabilization is convinced that those laws and regulations are most respected which are best understood and easiest to observe. It is essential in this national emergency that every citizen be acquainted with all measures being taken for the common good, and be informed of the steps each individual may take to carry out his part. The office of price stabilization of the economic stabilization agency, therefore, requests that you consider appointing immediately to volunteer emergency stabilization cooperation committee with a chairman to be named by you. The purpose of this committee would be to provide means of assisting regional and district offices of price stabilization in encouraging general public knowledge and observance of regulations adopted in the interest of a sound national economy. In appointing this local volunteer committee, it is respectfully suggested that you draw its membership from community leaders representing principal publications, radio and television stations, advertising clubs, civic labor, educational, veterans, industry, employers, retail and (Continued on Page 4)

Alleged to have been book-making in a local cafe were two men this week arrested and booked by members of the sheriff's vice detail.

Charged with accepting bets on a horse race were Max Winsberg, 44, of Los Angeles, owner of the Rendezvous Cafe, 1327 Cabrillo avenue, and William H. Speck, 36, 1511 Acacia avenue, a foreman at the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation.

The pair, free on \$500 bail each, are due for a preliminary hearing at 2 p.m. this afternoon before City Judge Otto B. Willett.

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TWO-STORY DIAL HOUSE . . . Nerve center of Torrance exchange dial telephone system will be housed in a new \$650,000 project for which ground will be broken within 11 days.